

JOSEPH BAILLY HOMESTEAD (NPS)

West of Porter on U.S. Route 20

Honore Gratien Joseph Bailly de Messein, also known as Joseph Bailly, was an independent fur trader and one of the earliest settlers in northwestern Indiana. Several log buildings remain from the trading post he established here in 1822. Bailly's home was an early center of culture in pioneer days, providing a meeting place for Indians and whites and a stopping place for travelers and missionaries. The property was purchased by the National Park Service in 1971 and is now part of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.